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SUBJECT: VOLTAN ARMY PROMOTIONS

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1. L'OBSERVATEUR OF 3 APRIL REPORTED FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS
ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON MARCH 27, 1975:

A. EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 1975:

- (1) CHIEF OF BATAILLON SAYE ZERBO TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.
- (2) CAPTAIN GUESSEYوبا OUEDRAOGO TO RANK OF COMMANDANT.
- (3) LIEUTENANT YACOUBA DIASSO TO RANK OF CAPTAIN.

B. EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1975:

- (1) CHIEF OF ESCADRON DEME MICHEL TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.
- (2) CAPTAIN OUEDRAOGO YEMBRAOGO TO RANK OF COMMANDANT.
- (3) LIEUTENANT LOMPO KARIM TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.

C. EFFECTIVE 5 APRIL 1975:

- (2) MEDECIN-LIEUTENANT KANGAMBEGA OUIGOU
AMBROISE TO THE RANK OF MEDECIN-CAPTAIN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. DOMINQUE SISOUS, ACTING SEC GEN OF FORMIN TOLD ME THAT THE GOUV HAD NOT INTENDED TO PUBLICIZE THESE PROMOTIONS, BECAUSE OF THE FEELING AMONG THE MILITARY, THAT IT WAS THE MEN IN OFFICES AND PLUSH JOBS WHO RECEIVED PROMOTIONS, WHILE THE MEN WHO WERE IN THE FIELD AND ENDURING THE HARDSHIPS WERE OVERLOOKED. ON APRIL 2, THE FORMIN STAFF WENT IN TO CONGRATULATE MINISTER ZERBO ON HIS PROMOTION. AN ATTACHE OF THE PRESS WAS PRESENT AND RELEASED THE STORY WITHOUT CHECKING WITH THE MINISTER. THE NEWS BROADCAST CREATED QUITE A STIR WITH EVERYONE WONDERING WHEN ZERBO HAD BEEN PROMOTED AND WHY IT HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. SISOUS SAID THAT ZERBO WAS FURIOUS WHEN HE HEARD THE REPORT ON THE NOON NEWS BROADCAST. THE GOUV HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT APPEARED IN L'OBSERVATEUR.

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